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1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON GOVGEN, SIR ANTHONY GAVE HIM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT WHICH HE GOT FROM MAKARIOS DURING HIS OVERNIGHT STAY AT SAN ANTON PALACE.

2. AT ABOUT 8:30 AM OF THE MORNING OF THE COUP, MAKARIOS WAS MEETING WITH A GROUP OF EGYPTAIN CHILDREN. HE HEARD GUNFIRE IN THE DISTANCE AND AT FIRST THOUGHT IT WAS A MILITARY EXERCISE. WHEN SHELLS BEGAN FALLING ON THE PALACE, HOWEVER, THE CHILDREN WERE RUSHED TO THE BASEMENT FOR SAFETY, AND MAKARIOS LEFT BY REAR ENTRANCE WITH ONLY THE CLOTHES ON HIS BACK, COMMANDEERED A PRIVATE VEHICLE AND TOOK OFF FOR PAPHOS WITH TWO AIDES.GETZ

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